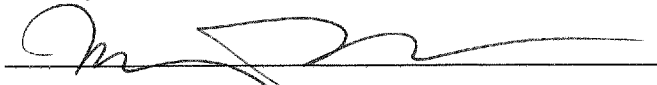


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In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2008, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the following remarks.